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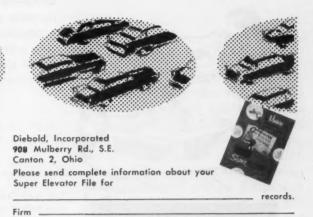
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## important business incentives in new tax law

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By its very nature no tax can be a real incentive to business activity. Of course, the ideal incentive action would be to remove all taxes, but obviously this is impossible. Faced with the requirement that aggregate tax revenues must remain relatively fixed for the time being, Congress has nevertheless completed a major overhaul of our basic income tax structure. In this overhaul Congress has taken certain steps designed to reduce the disincentives which the income tax imposes upon businesses in our economy.

While the tax law is of necessity an extremely complicated document, management-level personnel will need a general understanding of the major provisions of the law. The explanations which follow are intended to assist in that general understanding without going into technicalities.

#### DEPRECIATION

Possibly the most important liberalization incorporated in the new law is the option to use the so-called "declining balance" and other accelerated methods of depreciation. Heretofore, taxpayers generally were required to charge off the cost of depreciable capital equipment (less any estimated salvage value) in equal annual amounts over the estimated life of the equipment. This was called the "straight line" method. Under the declining balance method, which is used here as an example of the advantages of the new methods, a more rapid deduction of cost is permitted.

Taxpayers may now deduct depreciation at double the rate they would have been allowed to use under straight line. If the life of a machine is estimated to be four years, for example, the straight line rate would be 25 percent a year, while the declining balance rate would be 50 percent. However, this 50 percent is applied to the undepreciated balance at the beginning of each year rather than to original cost. The result is higher deductions in early years and lower deductions in the remaining years.

One disadvantage of declining balance is that it is impossible to write an asset down to zero if there is no salvage value. So Congress removed the disadvantage by granting automatic permission to change from declining balance to straight line at any time during the life of an asset.

Here, then, is how the new method compares with the old for an asset with a cost of \$1,000, an estimated life of four years and no salvage value.

Year	New	Method		
1	\$	500	(Declining	balance)
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3		125	(Straight li	ne)
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4	2	250	(Straight line)

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Note how the new method concentrates the bulk of deductions in the early years. This shortens materially the period in which an investment in depreciable assets will be recouped and will make it easier for expansion and modernization expenditures to justify themselves.

As the law limits the revised methods to new property acquired after 1953, it can't be applied to the equipment on hand at January 1, 1954, or to any used assets acquired after that time.

#### ACCUMULATED EARNINGS

One of the most important ways of financing modernization and expansion programs is through the retention of earnings by corporations. Under the old law corporations were often reluctant to accumulate large amounts of earnings for these purposes because of the fear that they would be accused of trying to reduce taxes for the stockholders by not paying dividends. If they couldn't prove the accumulation was reasonable, a penalty tax at high rates was levied.

Now this is materially changed. In the future, it will be necessary for the Internal Revenue Service to prove that an accumulation is unreasonable, whereas formerly the corporation had to prove it was reasonable. This shift in the burden of proof is of tremendous significance and it will be much easier to accumulate earnings for legitimate purposes without the danger of a penalty present.

Furthermore, any corporation will be permitted to accumulate up to \$60,000 of earnings without being exposed to the penalty. And then, if there is an unreasonable accumulation, the penalty will apply only to that part which is excessive. Under old law, if there was any unreasonable accumulation, the penalty tax applied to the entire amount of earnings retained, whether or not some retention might have been reasonable.

All of these changes taken together suggest that corporate directors will feel freer in retaining earnings and more funds may be available from this source to finance expansion and modernization and provide working capital.

#### CPLEATING LOSSES

Sometimes expansion into new fields or the development of new product lines results in losses for the first few years. Under the old tax law the impact of such losses could be softened somewhat by a "carry-back" to the preceding tax year. This carry-back generally meant a refund of some or all of the taxes paid the year before. Any losses not used in this way could be "carried forward" for the five years following the loss year. These carry-forwards would reduce taxes in later years, but they were no help in bringing in immediate cash to assist in financing the expansion.

The new law will allow losses to be carried back for two years instead of one, in addition to the five-year carry-forward. In many instances this means that greater refunds of prior taxes will be available to help in financing new developments.

In addition, Congress liberalized the manner of computing losses to be carried back or forward, so that the offsetting adjustments which frequently nullified a large part of the tax benefit will no longer apply.

#### RESEARCH EXPENDITURES

The deductibility of research and development costs has generally been quite uncertain. Companies with continuing research programs could usually deduct such costs as they were incurred. Other companies which limited their research to occasional projects ran the risk of being denied deductions until they either produced a patent which could be written off over its life or until the project was abandoned as unsuccessful. Frequently, neither of these things happened for many years after a project was started, and in the interim no deductions could be taken. Quite obviously, this was no encouragement to research.

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costs as incurred whether or not a patent is secured. Management will undoubtedly be more willing to finance research programs and specific projects now that it is possible to secure this immediate deduction.

#### REALISTIC ACCOUNTING

One other large area in which the new law makes a decided improvement is in the accounting rules for the deUnder the old law and in numerous court decisions there was a tendency to treat immediately as income receipts which were not yet earned. For example, rents collected in advance of occupancy have been held to be income immediately upon receipt. Frequently the effect of this was to impair the ability of the taxpayer to perform what might be required of him — for example, a landlord might not have sufficient funds for plumbing or heating

equipment repairs.

A graphic illustration of this was brought to light during the hearings on the new law. Many new businesses were formed to sell service contracts on television sets. Usually the fee for the contract is collected in advance and, under the old law, was taxed as income in the year of receipt. Then, when it became necessary to repair sets under the contracts, many businesses failed because the taxes had taken a substantial part of the money which was needed to buy parts and pay wages.

Now, however, new rules have been established which will defer the tax until the work has actually been performed, whether in the television repair field or any other field where payment is received in advance.

A problem somewhat similar to this has been present in cases where substantial costs must be incurred even after the major earning activity has been performed. A road-building contractor, for example, frequently will be required to maintain the road for some period after its completion. Manufacturers and sellers of other types of products frequently give guarantees covering specified results.

Heretofore, such taxpayers were not allowed to match expenses against the sales which gave rise to those expenses. As a result they often were short of funds when it became necessary to pay for the work done under guarantees. Now this injustice has been removed and the taxpayers will be allowed current deductions for such future costs as long as they pertain to the current year's income and can be estimated with reasonable accuracy. This will result in a more realistic determination of income for tax purposes.

These few areas of improvement are by no means all that has been done to provide a more comfortable tax environment for business progress. Many other specific changes which affect restricted types of taxpayers appear throughout the new law. Each executive and businessman owes it to himself to investigate the changes which are of particular importance to him and to become thoroughly familiar with the new "ground rules" governing his tax liability. m/m

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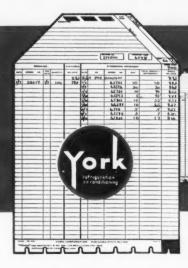
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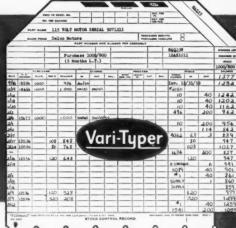
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question:

"Although we have a "Manual of Organization and Procedures," many members of our management team overstep their delegated limits of authority. It is not completely their fault because the lengthy and detailed contents of the manual are not conducive to either thorough reading or quick reference. What can we do to solve this particular problem without revising the entire manual?"

diagnosis:

Your management team cannot do a good job without a thorough understanding and knowledge of what is expected of them. They must have a clear picture of their job requirements and limitations. Setting up a "Limits of Authority" chart might be the easiest solution.

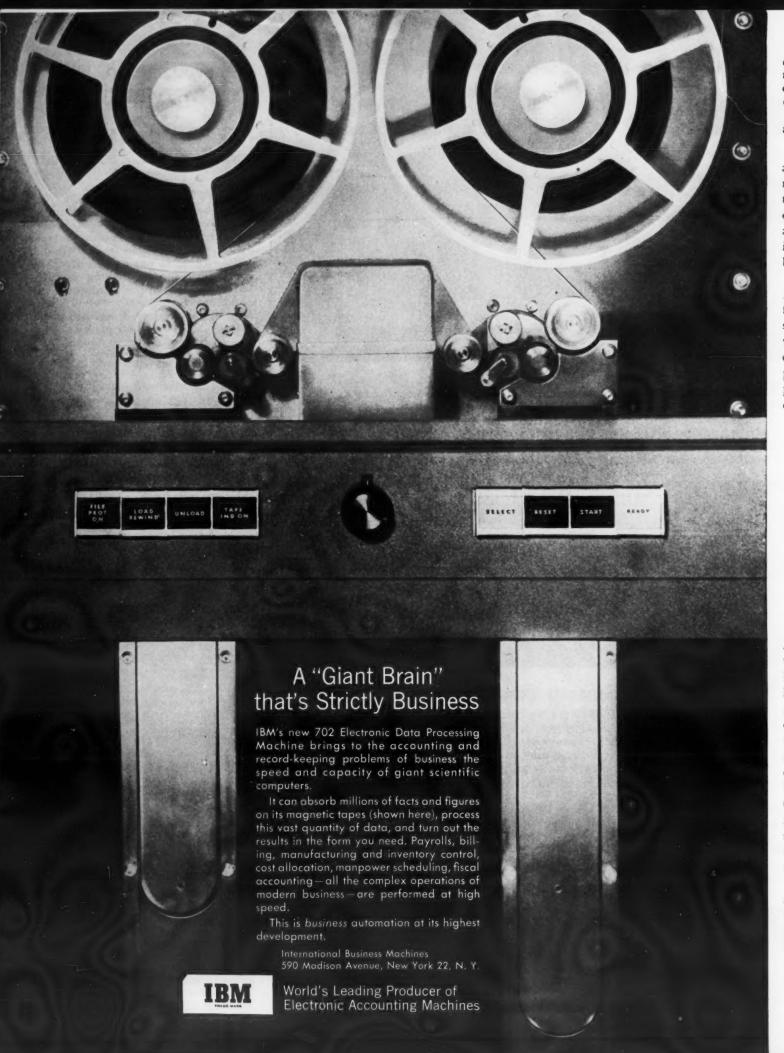
While some of the policy can be abstracted from your present manual, much of it will possibly be new and

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will have to be established as you proceed. The chart shown above should help to solve your problems; the subject headings may be modified and expanded to suit your own requirements.

question:

"One of the most common problems we encounter in methods work is how to best divide the work flow among our office employees to



achieve desired administrative and work goals. What practical approach can be taken to best ascertain this division of work?"

#### answer:

One large insurance company uses a comparison type of chart to determine the optimum compromise solution for each particular case. All types of clerical work are accomplished at the action level by dividing the work flow into any one or combination of three basic patterns as follows:

1. assembly line or serial type of flow, in which the work progresses consecutively through a single pipeline, with each step worked on in turn by different specialists. For example, in processing employee clock cards for payroll purposes, the following procedure is set up in serial flow:

a) Clerk A sorts cards by department and in clock number rotation.

b) Clerk B: receives cards, enters rates, number of dependents and totals straight time and premium hours.

c) Clerk C receives cards and rechecks previous step.

d) Clerk D receives cards and calculates gross pay.

e) Clerk E receives cards and rechecks previous step, calculates taxes and shows net pay.

2. parallel type of flow, in which the work is divided in bulk among a number of workers or teams for concurrent handling, with each worker or team performing the same work steps as the other and each performing all the steps necessary for completion. For example, in processing clock cards, the procedure outlined in paragraph 1, above, could be set up in parallel flow, by having Clerks A through E process the cards for one department while one or more similar teams of clerks would simultaneously process clock cards for other departments.

**3.** unit-assembly line of flow, in which different workers simultaneously perform the various work steps upon the same work item. For example, in receiving a customer's request for product information, one clerk might check

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Work Factors	Serial	Parallel		Importance
1. Volume (decreases & increases)	A	В	c	
2. Fluctuations in Work Load	A	В	C	
3. Fractional Loss	A	В	C	
4. Accessibility of Things Used	A	C	В	
5. Area, Travel & Transportation Factors, Access to Files	c	A	B	
	A-Process	A-Subject	A-Scarce Skills	
	Process	Subject	Skills	
	C	A	B	
8. Comprehension Time	A-Process	A-Subject	A-Special	
9. Break-in Time	C		Skills	
10. Flexibility	Č	A	В	
11. Supervisory Control	č	Â	В	
12. Worker Interest & Satisfaction	Ä	Ĉ	В	
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14. Experimentation with Methods &	C			
Procedures Chgs.	C	A B	В	
15. Special Handling of Special Cases	"	В	A	
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2. Speed of Production	_ ^	В.	"	
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2. Economy of Scarce Skills & Eqpt.	Ä	В	G A	
3. Economy of Manpower		C	, i	
4. Economy of Materials, Eqpt.or Space	1		^	
Quality				
1. Excellence of Product	A-Process	A-Subject	A-Skills	
2. Accuracy	A-Process	A-Subject	A-Skills	
3. Consistency	A	C	В	
4. Public Convenience and				
Accommodation	C	A	В	
5. Levels of Supervision Required	C	A	В	

current price, discount and shipping charges, another would simultaneously check availability and approximate shipping date, while a correspondence clerk at the same time dictates a form letter which later on at transcription will incorporate the information supplied by the first two clerks.

In most office operations, the work flow is usually divided among a combination of these three methods. For example, the first part of a paperwork job may be performed *serially*, the next part on a *parallel* basis and the final stage on a *unit-assembly* line. Similarly, a parallel stage may be inserted in a serial flow and the sub-flows in a parallel plan may be serially organized. The choice of methods depends upon the specific problems encountered at the different stages of production.

The chart shown above lists 26 variables in the left-hand vertical column. Listed horizontally under each of the three basic ways of dividing work is an appraisal showing which method is superior to the others with respect to each variable. The letters "A" indicate best, "B" second best and

"C" third best. "A-Process" indicates best for specialization by process, "A-Subject" by subject matter, etc. A brief explanation of **some** of the variables is given below; the meanings of the others are self-explanatory. The numbers refer to the variables on the chart.

#### **Work Factors**

1. Volume Fluctuations—amount of work performed at each step and variations in the total work flow.

2. Fluctuations in Work Load—production peaks and valleys in incoming loads related to the frequency of their occurrence.

3. Fractional Loss—idle time resulting when volume cannot be matched to available staff.

4. Accessibility of Things Used — workplace layout, availability of equipment and records, scheduling when sharing is necessary.

7. Worker Qualifications—job specifications matched to available workers.

8. Comprehension Time—thinking and evaluation time required *before* a worker can take action. (next page)

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Uncovering New Supervisory Candidates: In an effort to "try out" employees slated for possible promotion, Worcester Pressed Steel Company waits until a present supervisor goes on vacation. They then assign his job to a promising employee. Thus, the company has a chance to see how the candidate operates on the job.

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### Insurance,



### self-insurance,



#### non-insurance



### An examination of the relative merits of various forms of insurance

by C. Z. Greenley

Manager, Insurance and Loss Prevention Dept., Montgomery Ward

The most common method of protecting the assets of a business against the consequences of a serious insurable loss is to assign the risk through the purchase of insurance. This is the soundest procedure for most business enterprises because it transfers the economic effect of a large loss to a professional risk company at a predetermined premium cost. The insurance company collects premiums from many widespread insureds and from the aggregate premiums collected pays the losses of the relatively few. The average business does not have the necessary physical distribution of risks and a large enough number of locations at risk to do the job as safely and as economically as an insurance company.

There are, however, conditions under which a business can assume all or part of an insurable risk and, by doing so, reduce its cost and in some cases obtain other less important advantages. The ability of a business to absorb, without financial embarrassment, part or all of the losses caused by an insurable risk is the most important factor to consider before deciding whether a part or all of that risk should be insured with an insurance company or assumed by the business.

Very few of the insurable risks lend themselves to the assumption of the entire risk. The assumption of a fixed maximum amount of each loss or a maximum total amount of losses for a year and the purchase of insurance to cover losses in excess of those amounts is the usual practice under a self-insurance program. If the maximum one loss and the average yearly losses (based on at least five years' past experience) for a given risk are within the capacity of your company's cash assets to absorb them safely, the risk can be completely assumed. Examples of such risks are: display window plate glass, damage to or loss of companyowned automobiles or trucks, damage to or loss of company-owned property transported in automobiles or trucks, loss of cash from safes where the maximum amount of contents is definitely controlled. On the other hand, there is usually no advantage in assuming all or part of such risks as marine cargo or hull, high pressure boilers, compressors or fly wheels.

The principal insurable risks are fire (and extended coverage), workmen's compensation, public liability (injuries to members of the public) and damage to property of others. In most cases, where any plan of assuming insurable risks is in effect, one or more of these principal risks is partially assumed. The portion assumed is either a specified maximum amount of each loss or a specified maximum of losses for a year. The former provides a reasonably safe basis if past loss history indicates that it is unlikely that the total assumed will materially exceed the amount your company is able to pay without financial embarrassment. The latter plan will, of course, definitely limit the amount your company will have to pay for all losses occurring during one year. In

either case, the reduction in your purchased insurance premium cost for that portion of the risk you plan to assume should substantially exceed the losses you expect to pay, based on your past experience, plus any additional expenses you may incur as self-insurer, before you decide to assume the risk.

#### How to determine the risk

Unfortunately, there is no scientific or mathematical formula which can be used in determining whether it is best to protect a business against loss resulting from an insurable risk by complete or partial purchase of insurance or by complete or partial assumption of the risk. Before making any decision, the following information is needed:

1. Maximum potential single loss probability at any one location. Maximum probability of damage to your company's property (inventory, buildings, fixtures, cash, etc.) can be readily obtained from appraisals and the book records of the company's assets. When we try to determine maximum probable loss resulting from injury to employees or to the public or from dishonesty of employees, we are faced with a problem which requires quite a bit of judgment based on broad experience and imagination. If your company did not incur any severe losses caused by the particular risk under consideration, obtain information from your insurance broker or agent regarding some of the most severe losses incurred by other companies exposed to risks that are similar to yours.

2. Your actual losses and premium cost of purchased insurance for at least the past five years. Experience for that period will produce a reasonably sound trend of your losses and their relation to premium cost.

3. The spread of the risk in your business — that is, the number of physically separated units exposed to the same risk and the maximum loss exposure at each separated unit. When considering the soundness of assuming a risk, it is important that a fairly equal spread of risk exists.

4. Degree to which the risk (accidents, fires, burglary, dishonesty, etc.) can be controlled through the operation of an effective loss prevention program. If

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it is possible to reduce losses through the operation of a loss prevention program, top management must agree to actively support such a program. Otherwise, the assumption of any appreciable portion of a controllable risk is usually not justified.

5. Does the risk require inspection services? If so, can your company provide such an inspection service? If not, what would the cost be to purchase or develop your own competent inspection service particularly in fields requiring high technical skills, such as high pressure boilers, compressors, fly wheels and elevators?

6. Could your company handle adjustment of losses satisfactorily and economically? For example, if losses can occur with some frequency at locations far distant from those at which you have branches staffed with personnel competent to adjust them, what would the cost of adjusting such losses be? Marine losses which may require adjustment in distant parts of the world, workmen's compensation and public liability losses, if they occur frequently at locations distant from your company offices, are types of losses which should be given consideration.

7. What is your company's policy or preference in the matter of adjusting claims directly with employees, with customers or other members of the public? Would it prefer to handle such matters through an insurance company? Some companies prefer to act as more or less disinterested third parties when such claims arise. Others prefer to deal directly with claimants for reasons of good will or because of a feeling that more uniform treatment will be accorded to all claimants.

8. Are there any laws which would prohibit your company from assuming the risk? For example, in some states the Workmen's Compensation risk must be insured in a monopolistic State Fund; in most states miscellaneous bonds must be purchased

When it is finally determined that a risk should be partially or entirely assumed, the next step is to decide whether it should be self-insured or non-insured. Both self-insurance and non-insurance involve the conscious assumption of a calculated risk as contrasted with the transfer of the risk to

an insurance company by the purchase of insurance.

Self-insurance is the accounting method whereby you charge your operations a premium rate per unit of exposure (building or inventory values, payrolls, etc.) similar to the method of premium computation made by insurance companies for purchased insurance; the amounts thus charged are credited to an insurance reserve. Self-insured losses are paid out of this reserve. If the cash assets of the business are ample enough, this reserve can be maintained merely as an accounting reserve. Otherwise, the reserve, except for the amount needed to take care of immediate average losses, should be segregated from normal business funds and invested in conservative securities. The minimum amount of the free selfinsurance reserve should be equal to approximately one year's expected selfinsured losses for each of the risks selfinsured. The reserve can be started by the transfer of such an amount from other reserves of the company or it can be accumulated gradually. The gradual accumulation results from excess of charges to operations at the former purchased insurance premium rates and the actual self-insured losses. After the amount of the free reserve reaches the desired level, each subsequent year's charges to operations should be equal to about the annual average of the past five years' self-insured losses.

Non-insurance is the method whereby the full amount of each loss is absorbed as an expense at the time it occurs. The following are some of the considerations which should govern a decision as to whether an assumed risk will be self-insured or non-insured:

1. If the maximum possible loss will not seriously distort the profit performance of the operating unit, the risk can be non-insured and each loss absorbed as an expense by the unit in which it occurs and at the time it occurs. The following are exceptions:

a. If the risk is controllable and losses occur frequently, self-insurance is advisable even though the size of each loss may be small enough to suggest non-insurance. The reporting of such losses to your insurance manager for adjustment

through your self-insurance reserve makes possible the accumulation of cost records and analysis for preventable causes. This information provides a sound basis for instituting the necessary controls to minimize recurrence of such losses.

b. If losses which should be non-insured because of low maximum cost per loss are of a type that could be caused by the negligence of third parties, there is some advantage to self-insuring them. By reporting such losses to the insurance manager for credit from the self-insurance reserve, recognition of the possibility of recovery from third parties is more likely. One example of loss of this type is collision damage to company-owned autos and trucks and the company-owned property transported in them.

2. If the assumed losses will be too large to be charged directly to the operating unit at which they occur without seriously distorting the profit performance of that unit, or for other reasons mentioned above, they should be self-insured and charged to the self-insurance reserve. The objective is to avoid serious variations in the year-to-year insurance expense charge to the operating units. The resulting level trend in charges to operating units should be similar to that which would be produced by purchased insurance premium charges.

I have gone into some detail relating to the conditions under which assumption of all or part of a risk may be advisable through self-insurance or non-insurance.

Remember that self-insurance is not a "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow." The assumption of an insurable risk is sound only if the cash position of the company, the spread of risk and the other factors mentioned in this article justify it. One of the first steps is for top-level management to decide how serious a loss the company could assume without financial embarrassment. In other words, how large a loss could the company absorb without seriously affecting the liquid assets needed for its principal operations. Often the expected long-range advantage which was the original basis for

assuming a risk is forgotten when the first serious assumed loss occurs. The acid test of a management's real desire for assuming an insurable risk is its reaction immediately after the first serious assumed loss has to be paid. Sometimes the personal views of top executives vitally affect the decision as to whether or not any or one particular insurable risk should be assumed or insured without regard to the potential advantages presented to them. In such cases, if all of the facts are presented clearly, all that can be done is to review them again periodically to determine whether the reasons for the original adverse decision still exist. Once management decides on the maximum loss which can be safely assumed, subject each risk to the tests outlined and decide whether all or part of it should be insured with an insurance company or assumed by selfinsuring or non-insuring.

Finally, I wish to emphasize again that if the most important controllable risks, such as fire, workmen's compensation and public liability, are being considered, the assumption of even part of those risks merely for the possible saving of a portion of the difference between the purchased insurance premium cost and actual self-insured losses does not justify such a step. There must be a serious intent on the part of top-level management to put into effect and to maintain an effective loss prevention program before the economic benefits of self-insurance can be considered attractive enough to justify the change from complete purchase of insurance. m/m

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## Before you bring out a new product "SELL" your employees

Employee education is an important factor in morale and productivity

On the basis of a recent experience of our company, I have developed an unwavering belief in the need for management to sell employees on each new product which the company produces.

Sales, advertising and public relations programs are essential, of course, for the success of a product. My belief, however, is that it is necessary to start first with production and office employees inside one's own plant.

Last April we put on a program to tell employees of the introduction of a new water system. It was so decisively successful that we started right away planning an open house for October, to sell employees and their families on the company and its products.

You are probably familiar with industrial open houses and their value. They are a valuable technique of management - employee - community relations. Certainly, for wives and children, they take away some of the mystery and lack of understanding and appreciation of the wage-earner's job, his boss and his machines.

#### How we "sold" employees

But the plant show in April, just for employees, was even more indicative of the lasting benefit of a direct attempt by management to enlist the increasing support of employees in a current or a new project.

After months of study and experimentation, we had developed the first truly convertible water pump in the industry, which we had named the Rapidayton Champion. Champion, in-

cidentally, was to be the key theme in our employee program.

The outstanding feature of the pump is that it can be converted from a shallow well to a deep well without an additional pump part. And—this was the unbeatable factor—it was introduced into the market at \$99.50, unique in the field.

So we had a sizzling new product at a good price. Our sales staff went into high gear and we expanded our advertising and public relations programs to hammer away at what was a "natural." But this time there was to be an addition to the procedure. One day when we were going over the promotion plans, someone asked, "What about the employees?"

That started the ball rolling. We were amazed when a spot check showed that not one employee in ten knew about the Champion despite the months-long activity throughout the plant, not more than a score knew what it was designed to do, and even fewer knew how important the introduction of the pump was to everyone in the company.

With these sobering facts in mind, we got down to business in a hurry. The program we came up with was effective, from our point of view, because it was easy to execute and, above

One of the four-section charts used to explain the new pump.





On the day the product was introduced, all employees gathered at the production line.

all, personal. The program lasted about 45 minutes; it was held during the lunch hour and it cost less than \$1000.

#### How the program was handled

In advance, we had a letter written to our people at their homes informing them that we were going to have a small party during the lunch hour that day. They were asked not to bring their lunches or to eat outside.

The day came and the first thing that greeted them was a series of posters all over the plant, saying: "Meet the Champ at noon on ---." Then, during the morning, an emproyee dressed like a boxer (gloves, trunks and all) appeared in every department. A sign on his back read: "Meet the Champion at noon today."

At 11:30, through a loudspeaker system, we began to broadcast music and news befitting a Champion: stirring marches, college fight songs and reports of sports events. This continued until 11:45 when we stopped work and asked all employees to gather at the new production line where the Champion pump was to be built. While they were doing this, a catering service provided each person with a box lunch and coffee.

As everybody approached the production line, box lunch in hand, they saw the boxing champ working out strenuously on the platform, He kept at it until I climbed in the "ring." It was fun. Everyone knew and enjoyed

it. I believe everyone felt that now something else besides fun was to happen. I couldn't "box" or perform. I could talk and I did.

Informally, I gave the background on the new Champion pump. It was a perfect time for a management message to employees and it certainly turned out that it was a perfect time for employees to be receptive to a management message.

This, briefly, is the story I told:

"Our goal was to produce a pump that could be purchased in a store for less than \$100. No other manufacturer has ever done that. Figuring backwards, we deducted the standard discounts which we and our competitors have to give wholesalers, distributors and retailers. That left us with the amount with which we had to build the new pump.

"There's only one way in the world in which we can build the Champion for this figure. We must be able to produce it in tremendous volume, with no waste and no substandard parts. That's the reason for this new production line, for this new machinery, for our recent expansion program.

"We must remember that the customer is the real boss in our business. He either buys our products or he doesn't. He'll buy if we give him outstanding value for his money. That depends on what we do right here on this production line."

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the Champion with other pumps on the market, told how it would help to open the door to sell other pumps in our line and emphasized that we could sell only a quality pump in our highly competitive field.

Then the superintendent of the new production line, on the part of employees, accepted the responsibility of building the best possible pump.

To complete the job, the same afternoon we mailed to each employee's home a one-page letter reviewing the show and the reasons for it.

Our program to sell our employees first was quite successful. It broadened the horizon of their thinking about our competition and our customers. And it brought home to us the necessity of dealing with the men who make the products first on a warm personal basis rather than exclusively in the printed form. Needless to say, we are going to continue such programs.

Too often a workman learns of a company product or the acquisition of a large contract by reading his newspaper. He should know it *before* the newspaper does. He's the man at the machine and only high quality work there will produce a high quality product for the salesman to sell, the customer to use.

It's like the story of the navy gunner who was banging away, salvo after salvo, when an officer asked about the effectiveness of his marksmanship. "I don't know, sir," he replied, "they're leaving this end in fine style." m/m

#### "worth

Consumer influence on new products: Most consumers are not too effective in expressing what they would like to have, although their "gripes" about present products prove to be a good guide to bettering products as to operation and design. According to Raymond Loewy, it is valuable to have all possible information about the prospective market of a proposed product before putting the design on paper. Designers need to know about color preferences, regional market preferences, price possibilities, size requirements and other market specifications.

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### An employee publication

#### for the "big" company in the "small" town

Here's an inexpensive and effective way to publish a company newspaper

A company contemplating an employee publication is faced with the immediate problem of what the publication should be likeits physical make-up. Should it be a single sheet, a newspaper, or a magazine; should it be tabloid-size, large newspaper size or of some special or miniature dimensions? One of the most practical methods of establishing a company publication, avoiding all of the usually necessary prerequisites, is to include it as a part of your regular local newspaper. This plan immediately erases the problems concerned with distribution and printing production. Besides, it not only reaches a wider community audience, but probably will cost less than a comparable effort within your own plant.

The MEDALLION, publication of the Mooresville Mills, North Carolina, and the ROPER ROUND-UP, publication of the George D. Roper Corporation of Illinois, are both excellent examples of the "advertisement" type publications. Both serve as examples of worth-while company expenditures (see MANAGEMENT METHODS, February, 1954, "How to get your money's worth from your company publication"). Their entire conception of distribution and community relations may serve as stimulation in regard to the establishment of your own paper and its potential worth.

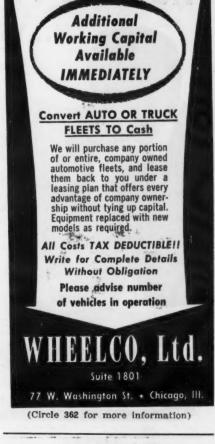
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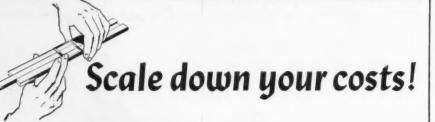
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boards throughout the plant. This is done especially for those who commute to work from larger cities and who possibly do not purchase the Tribune.

In another of their plants, some 18 miles from Mooresville, the MEDAL-LION is made available to the 250 employees at no cost. This is done since they feel they could hardly ask these people in a town which has two dailies to buy the Mooresville weekly. Regular stories, with pictures, about these "out-of-town" employees are used and there is a big demand for the paper.

The editorial content has been clearly and simply summed up by Paul Caldwell, former public relation director and editor: "In our publication we steer clear of weekly messages from top management, but do try to keep our employees informed about policies, new market trends, new personnel and sales offices at New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. Actually, we try to give our readers something they would not find in the regular weekly Tribune. This, of course, is a challenge to us. We capitalize on photos especially, since the Tribune uses few local pictures.

"We try as hard as possible to stick with a feature until this source of material is no longer available. For instance, we have just finished introducing sales office personnel and supervisors, one each week, to our employees. Publishing a two-column picture with a feature story about our loyal old-timers who have been here 25 years or more has been a regular feature for four years.

"We here at Mooresville feel that we have achieved a great deal with our paper, since the Mill and the community are so closely related. Now in its fourth year, the MEDALLION has met with great success."

#### **How the MEDALLION rates**

Three different issues of the ME-DALLION were examined and a complete study made of its features and make-up. We wanted to see how much space was devoted to the various features. We could then make a comparison with the national survey (quoted in the February, 1954, article) to see if the MEDALLION, which has a good readership and wide acceptance, shows a correlation with the types of

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features which were shown to be most popular in the national study.

#### Type of Feature Average % Space Per Issue

Pictorial Spreads	23%
Editorials (unsigned)	12%
Company News	7%
Moor Musings (small talk)	6%
Inspirational Column	6%
Miscellaneous News and	- /0
Gossip	6%
"Old-Timers" Profiles	5%
Horoscopes	5%
Birthday Announcements	4%
Community News	4%
Company Product Publicity	4%
Health	4%
Cartoons	3%
Do You Remember?	70
(reprint column)	3%
Golden Agers (old folks)	70
News	3%
Departmental News	2%
Obituary	2%
Sports	1%

Our survey revealed that the ME-DALLION carries the variety of features shown to be most popular in the national survey. However, with the exception of pictorial spreads, there is little correlation between the amount of space devoted to a feature and its degree of popularity. Since the ME-DALLION has been well accepted by its readers, perhaps there is no pat formula in determining the make-up of a publication.

As long as the ingredients are known, it is up to the individual editor to determine the amounts of each feature which best suits his particular readers. Local habits, mores and conditions can greatly influence how much interest a particular thing has in an area.

#### Similar results at Roper

Each month the Roper Corporation publishes an employee activities report in the Rockford, Illinois, newspapers under the title, ROPER ROUND-UP.

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The "small" company in a "big" town: Specially prepared editions of the Toledo Trust Company's quarterly employee publication now appear as regular advertisements in two daily newspapers in Toledo, Ohio. The first edition was introduced to the readers with the following: "Someone pointed out that perhaps friends and neighbors of our 500 employees might also be interested in hearing about our activities. That's why we're sending you a little bit of Toledo Trust from behind the scenes at our bank in special newspapers like this."

The Bank feels that this ad format is an excellent means of giving a very wide segment of the public a clearer understanding of banking functions and of reporting interesting news about employees. The dailies reach more than 200,000 readers in the area.

excellent and specific accomplishments, such as the recruitment of new employees, show the program's soundness.

For their purposes, Roper considers the newspaper technique far superior to the regular type company publication. They also feel that the unit cost of an employee paper of distinctly limited circulation would be too much.

The ROPER ROUND-UP consists of about 65% photographs and 35% text material. An average page might contain as many as 20 photographs. The picture story is, of course, the favorite technique. Employee names are liberally spotted throughout the lengthy captions beneath each photo.

Its physical format and content seem to stress the community appeal rather than an internal company approach. It does, however, function as the company newspaper, successful both editorially and economically. m/m

#### "worth

A musical lift: The Washington, D. C., Statler Hotel installed a special sound system in their elevators. The idea is to create a particularly pleasant atmosphere by maintaining a soft, melodic background. The music is occasionally interspersed with professionally produced musical commercials plugging hotel features.

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## design Freight bill-label combination saves \$3000 yearly

A cleverly designed form simplifies addressing shipments

A new bill of ladinglabeling system has resulted in a cash saving of over \$3,000 a year for the Permacel Tape Corporation, plus the additional savings of time and labor in operations.

The new system resulted from a study made to determine a better method of preparing cases of finished goods for shipment in order to reduce costs and improve customer service.

The firm formerly stenciled addresses on the cases. This required the full-time services of one employee for cutting, filing and locating stencils. It also was a time-consuming task for stock handlers to stencil all of the addresses onto the cases.

The study revealed the following:

1. Preprinted labels already used

on stock shipments to the seven branch warehouses required less work and time for application than was needed to stencil all of the customer orders.

2. Tests conducted by the company's industrial engineering department showed that ungummed labels applied and coated with glue were secure, were protected from water and did not smear.

3. The bulk of shipments received from other companies were labeled and not stenciled.

4. Addressing machines were not suited to their operations because plates were too expensive for use on a one-time basis. In addition, the time for making plates, running them through the machine and fil-

ing them was approximately as long as the old stenciling method.

The new system was developed to fulfill their specific needs. Labels, supplied interleaved with one-time carbon and with a full pasted 3/4" stub to permit easy carbon extraction, are used with a re-designed bill of lading to provide a combination of single multipart form utility with variable part convenience.

The typist now merely counts off the required number of labels, removes them from the pad as a unit and inserts them behind the bill of lading in the typewriter. In preparing the bill of lading, the typist automatically produces the exact number of labels required. At least ten clear copies (4 B/L and 6 Labels or 10 Labels) can be

produced at one writing on a standard typewriter.

An analysis of the company's freight shipments over a base period revealed that 70% of the shipments were for six or fewer cases. Shipments of seven to sixteen cases accounted for another 17.5%. The analysis further indicated that by taking into consideration all shipments up to 106 cases, covering 98.67% of all shipments, only 30 minutes a day would be added to the bill of lading work load, while one full-time employee would be released for other duties. And, stenciling time of several stock handlers is eliminated.

The remaining 1.33% of the shipments are for customers who purchase frequently and in large quantities. For these customers, preprinted labels are stocked by the shipping department.

In re-designing the bill of lading, it was reduced from an 8½" x 8½" form to 8½" x 7", by taking advantage of correct typewriter spacing and streamlined form design. Items most frequently shipped are at the top of the listing and opposite each other so that flow of work is constantly from left to right. An added feature is the window envelope arrangement of the addressee block. The savings on the cost of the Bill of Lading form alone amount to over \$647 a year, figured on the base period. The total cash savings computed on an annual basis are:

Annual cost—old stencil method

\$3,663.55

Annual cost—new label system 866.50 Savings on labels . . . . . . . \$2,797.05 Savings on new Bill of Lading 647.40 Total Cash Savings . . . . . . \$3,444.45

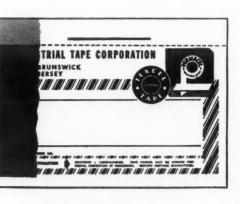
Among the many advantages of the new system are:

Two form writings are combined into one while retaining the advantages of variable number of parts.

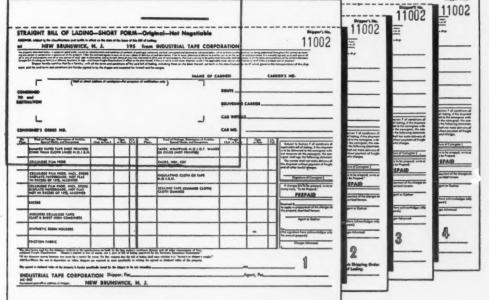
Costs are reduced. In this case annual cash savings exceed \$3,000 and an additional saving of time and labor was effected.

Customer service was improved as a result of shipments being made without delay.

By use of an attractive design, the label can become an advertising piece. m/m



Label above is inserted in typewriter with the bill of lading (right) in the position indicated by the color box. Interleaved with one-time carbons, they permit preparation of both with one writing.





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## Dramatized Drafting

Where the scale model leaves off

the artist's airbrush

offers a low cost solution

by Henri A. Fluchere

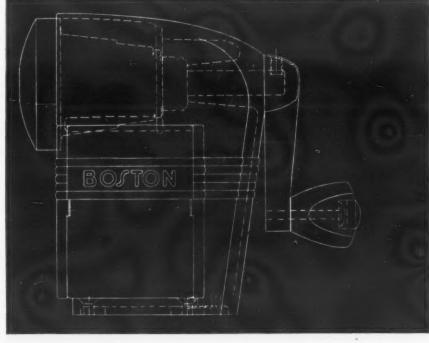
Editor's Note: While three-dimensional scale models are most desirable in visualizing and developing new products and construction (see *Management* METH-ODS, April 1954), they are relatively expensive and time-consuming to prepare. A faster and less expensive alternative — "dramatized drafting" — is described in this article.

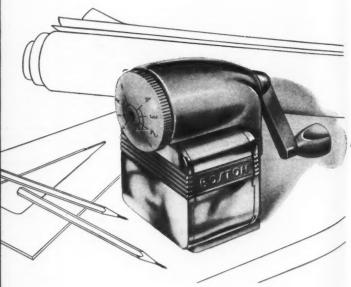
Dramatized drafting is basically nothing more than an artist's translation of a confusing blueprint into an easily visualized three-dimensional "photo." But it's more than a mere sketch. Like the mock-up or model, it faithfully reproduces a finished product exactly as it will look to a camera. Moreover, it does things the camera can't do, for it can literally "X-ray" a product when it's important to demonstrate what goes on under the surface.

Let's take a very elementary example. A manufacturer of home electric appliances orders his designers to re-style his line of kitchen products. The original designer's sketches may be readily understood by other technicians. These people are accustomed to reading blueprints. But the Sales

**BELOW**, **LEFT**: This simplified blueprint of a pencil sharpener is a portion of a master blueprint showing many views. To a sales executive or an advertising manager, it shows little in the way of appearance.

BELOW, RIGHT: This air-brush rendering of a pencil sharpener is photographic in its details. It is accurate enough to be used for the Engineering Department, as well as for sales and advertising.





Manager and his superiors have extreme difficulty in visualizing the end product. Yet, this is the stage where their specialized knowledge of the market should be of invaluable help in producing a better-selling design.

Because of this, the designing department usually prepares elaborate models which are then presented for discussion. When changes are made following such discussions, the models are usually of no further use and often must be made again.

There are cases, of course, when the cost of a scale model is completely justified. There are many instances, however, when a realistic, full-color, airbrush rendering of the kitchen appliances would have been just as effective. Moreover, changes suggested by the Sales Department could then have been quickly re-rendered for re-submission in a relatively short time.

#### Life-like realism

Few businessmen appreciate the literal quality of the airbrush in a competent artist's hands. More often than not, they cannot be identified as art work.

But dramatized drafting is much

more than an effective substitute for model-making. It can take the eye where a camera could never reachfor example, under the surface into the inner workings of a product or mechanism. Here the object can be shown in various views-completely assembled, partially disassembled, completely exploded, partially transparent, or in any other way which will best explain its functions or emphasize special features. Moreover, if the problem is one of sales appeal, various color combinations can be superimposed on the basic design using transparent overlays. And, if motion is a part of the story, color may again be of help in visualizing the action of the component parts.

These latter features of product illustration are valuable for production studies, the training of assembly workers, illustrating instruction manuals for maintenance and even for advertising illustrations.

The examples used to illustrate this article are but a few of the possible applications of "dramatized drafting." They speak for themselves. This method, though not a panacea for all visualization, is still the best answer in many cases where speed and cost are critical factors. m/m



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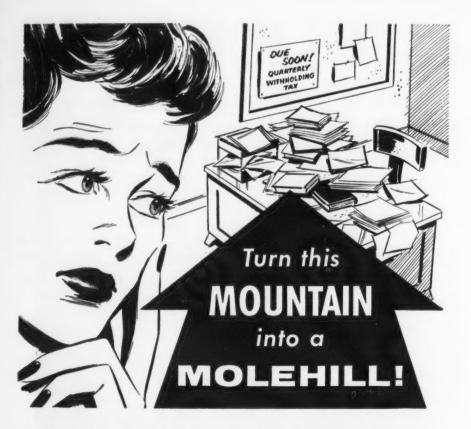
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#### Simplified hand-posted accounts receivable plan

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margin, permitting a fast review for collection action. Statements are simply folded into window envelopes at the end of the month, eliminating the "job" of statement preparation. This simple manual system has saved an average of one week's work per month for the user who sends out six to eight hundred statements. It is being used successfully by firms with from fifty to fifteen hundred accounts.

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#### Penmanship, numbers-recognition course shows results

C. L. Scheetz Training Director, Industrial Div. Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co. Philadelphia, Pa.

Employees attending our pilot course in an extensive penmanship tutoring program markedly improved their speed, accuracy and legibility in seeing and recording numbers. There was an average increase of 20% in the speed of recognition of numbers, plus a 9% improvement in accuracy and a 6% gain in the legibility of the handwriting itself. Nearly 40 employees attended the initial seven-week sessions.

The penmanship program, believed to be one of the few of its kind in industry, dealt primarily with number formation. Countless mistakes are made daily by clerical and supervisory personnel in the copying and posting of the hundreds of numbers that form the basis for work reports and other statistical accounts. Since many of these mistakes are copying and reading errors, our purpose is to minimize these errors by sharpening up the employees' handwriting and numbers-recognition skills.

Before the program started, the employees could see and copy down a series of 10 numbers each with 4 to 6 digits, with 80% accuracy at a speed of 1/10 of a second per number. At the end of the first program, they were able to maintain their accuracy but increased their speed of recognition to 1/100 of a second per number.

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**The Case of the Writer's Cramp**—There was plenty of writing, with 5 separate forms needed to set up every new account, such as . . . Account Jacket, Credit Acknowledgment, Debtor's Credit File Card, Creditor's Record Card, Letter to Debtor. Besides this

labor, each collection that was made demanded 2 separate entries. With such a heavy load on the staff, and errors in transcribing occurring all the time, the system stumbled over itself. Efficiency—which the operation had to have to be successful—was lacking. And then...

1 typing sets up an account on a 4-part Moore Speediset which contains a Ledger Card, Acknowledgment to Client, Debtor's and Creditor's File Cards. A simple typing operation that sets the account in motion.



A register form records

payments The Ledger Card, pulled from file, is held in position over this Register form. An entry is then handwritten on both simultaneously.



3 MOORE FORMS taking the place of 5

Part 1 is a receipt which goes to the debtor. Part 3, a Control copy, is refolded in the register. Part 2 is the important Cash copy. It's used, at month's end, to compute total collections that were made during the month.

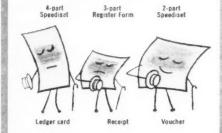


A voucher pays the client



The client also gets the Cash copies just mentioned, the month's total receipts in the collector's original handwriting. It's a firsthand record of all collections.

Moore forms take a bow!



The 3 specially designed forms dovetail into a smooth-working collection system. Everybody likes it better.

**Savings and Gains:** In practice this has proved to be a simple, straightforward system that is easy for the staff to understand and operate. Writing has been cut to a minimum and, with it, transcription errors. Clerical costs are also down, 50% by estimate. This was a case where a Moore representative stepped into a confused picture and, with plenty of facilities behind him, worked out a solution like

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sulted not only in improved production and efficiency, but also in minimizing office fatigue.



#### Supermarket stock control saves money, speeds service

A giant, self-service "supermarket" for issuing some 25,000 different kinds of aircraft parts to production workers was installed recently at Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. The idea will save them a quarter-million dollars the first year. Savings include a 25% reduction in floor service and stock control personnel and 60,000 square feet less floor space.

Aircraft parts travel from final fabrication points through a central distributing area and into some 1,000 bins and racks. These are located within a few feet—often within arm's length—of where workers actually install the



parts in airplanes. This saves thousands of steps and hours of time. When a worker needs a part, he merely reaches for it, without leaving his work station.

Experiments on the system were started a year ago on a pilot basis. Its immediate success, plus the ease with which the plan can be set up, has led to a decision to extend the idea to sub-assembly departments, which will bring more savings in operational costs.

Unexpected advantages included the elimination of a lot of paper work because parts flow automatically from fabrication to user. Inspection time in rejecting parts is also shortened. Major credit for success of the program is given to the production workers who have accepted responsibility for keeping up with the valuable parts.

Acting as a "cash register" on the self-service bins, are "shortage fore-casts" which are made out weekly for each bin. These serve also as an inventory and, combined with "parts inventory control lists," make it unnecessary to keep elaborate card filing systems.

One extra benefit is that aircraft parts go straight from "factory to consumer." An aircraft item is routed directly from the spot in the plant where manufacture is finished to the point where it is installed by an aircrafter in the airplane. This eliminates triple and quadruple handling of the item, which is usual in conventional stock control systems where parts are held in storage and then issued piecemeal to production departments.



#### Recorded messages effective in direct mail campaigns

According to surveys conducted by major direct mail advertisers, 96% of the recipients of a recorded sales message will play and keep the record, in contrast with only 43% who will read a printed sales message.

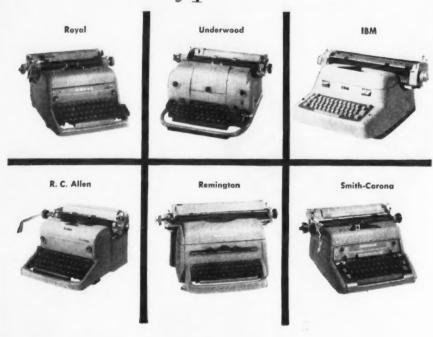
The acceptance of this technique of advertising is so widespread and its use has proven so effective that the Direct Mail Advertising Association has joined with a major recording firm to study new techniques and develop a standardized procedure in making advertising records.

In the course of their investigations, they have found that recorded messages are taking the place of printed matter in three major categories — first, in contacting salesmen with "news from the home office," statistics, promotional material, aids to selling and information about the "new line," second, in transmitting messages from corporation management to the stockholders. These messages have traditionally been dull and lengthy printed matter. However, in order to make an effective re-

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cording the material must be simple and direct. Therefore, more interesting stock reports are now reaching more interested stockholders through the use of recordings. The third, and probably most widespread use, is in sending advertising messages to customers or potential customers. Recordings used for this purpose have shown an exceptionally high percentage of returns.

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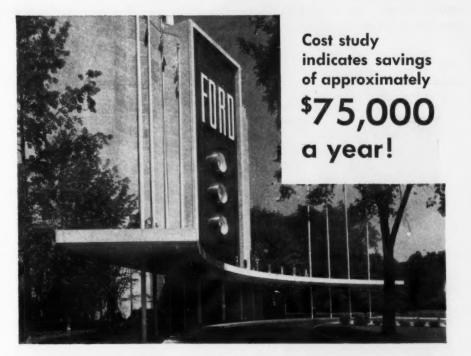
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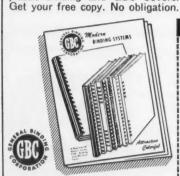
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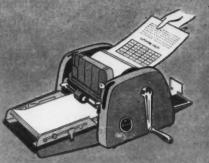
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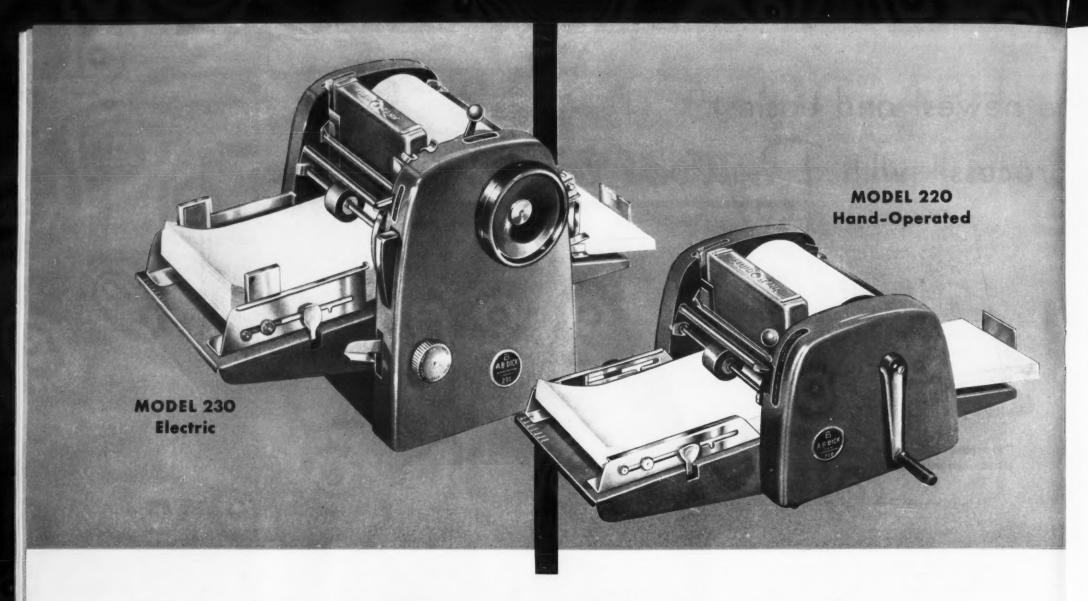
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## Should your company diversify?

Here's why companies are growing horizontally at a faster rate than ever

Editor's Note: Each month an analysis of business trends (The York Report) is published by the York Engineering & Construction and York-Gillespie Manufacturing Companies of Pittsburgh. A recent issue calls the present trend toward diversification by large companies a "tremendous economic revolution." York feels that American business history may be influenced for the next hundred years by what has recently taken place along these lines. Because we feel that the advantages of product diversification should be pondered carefully by every business executive, we present below some examples of company diversification. Much of York's findings are discussed herein.

More companies are diversifying their product lines than ever before. A steel company is making plastics; an automobile manufacturer is dickering for a farm-machinery business; a meat packer is developing a line of chemicals for textile mills; a flour manufacturer is taking on appliances.

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This trend to widespread diversification is an economic hedge against the future. By entertaining new markets, management hopes to improve its profit position and at the same time keep their company strong and productive in the future.

#### Two general approaches

Horizontal diversification can be accomplished in two ways:

- 1. Mergers to gain footholds in new markets.
- 2. Adding new lines to broaden sales bases.

Both methods are being used as companies adapt their organizations to the particular conditions in their respective industries. In some markets, the long term solution may lie in a diversification program that puts a company in a widely different market. Then, if contraction occurs in one product line, sales of the other will maintain company prosperity.

On the other hand, the risks of radical diversification are very great. York estimates that, after making a thorough analysis, 99% of companies would veto any plan for extreme diversification as unsound. But of the 1% who go ahead, some will suffer losses and the remainder will acquire the broad stability they seek.

#### The York approach

The York Company itself chose a middle road. Although basically an engineering concern, the company decided to branch out into manufacturing about two years ago. They had decided that in the long run the future of pure engineering activities seemed doubtful. At present, the manufacturing end of the business is doing well—in contrast to the decline of some competitors engaged solely in engineering and design. But the manufacturing company did make good use of York's

broad engineering experience: it makes specialized machinery for automatic production processes.

#### New markets vs. new lines

There are many examples of companies who took the plunge into entirely new markets. Not only did a flour manufacturer (General Mills) acquire by outright purchase a company—and its talented management—that makes cellulose sponges, but it also bought out toasters, irons and steamiron attachments. Soon they expect to add a food mixer, coffee maker and automatic fryer-cooker to the line. To-

stockholders testified that the steel business had always been a feast or a famine and ". . . we want to diversify, and we think a product needed in every household, and which has to be replenished often, is a good prospect. . . ."

Many firms who wanted to avoid the large risks of entering a new field selected the alternate method of rounding out existing product lines. For example, a razor blade company bought out the assets of two competitors instead of developing similar products. In the automotive field, the recent Nash-Hudson deal, among other things,



day the company gets only 52% of its business from flour, compared with 74% only fifteen years ago.

Plastics entered the steel-pipe field when a manufacturer of pipe purchased a plastics company. Now plastic tubing supplements the original line. Take another example: a maker of auto bodies paid sixteen million dollars to buy out a maker of vitreous chinaware, cast-iron plumbing fixtures and brass fittings.

Perhaps the best instance of radical diversification is provided by a precision casting company in Michigan who purchased a soap outfit in Iowa. Because the soap company was in financial difficulty at the time of the purchase, the sale had to be approved by a Federal Court. During the court hearing one of the casting company's

broadened the lines of the merged companies.

One of the world's largest manufacturers of phonographs, TV sets and electronic devices extended its appliance business to include heaters and ranges when it acquired a stove company. And a manufacturer of farm machinery has introduced 77 new machines in 770 days—one every ten days for two years.

#### **Numerous other advantages**

Corporate acquisitions or mergers are not always consummated only to extend the product lines of the dominant company. Many other advantages are sometimes gained.

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may seek out a firm making an identical product in the West. Then, customers can be served from the plant nearest them. Or, if a company has an unsatisfactory system of distribution, it may decide that buying out a firm with a better system is cheaper than building up its own.

Many companies try to enter special markets with poor success. Purchasing a company already established in the market they wish to enter might be a wiser course.

Tax minimization is another incentive. Present tax laws can make it profitable for two companies to unite when one has a record of losses and the other expects large profits. However, any firm facing a greatly increased tax load should carefully investigate all the pros and cons, and seek the advice of competent experts, before taking the final step.

Capital gains are a frequent inducement for companies to join with others. Since these earnings carry a 26% tax ceiling, propositions leading to a merger are usually received favorably by stockholders. This is especially true when a merger causes a greater capital net gain than prospects of future dividends or when past losses can be turned into an asset.

In all the situations cited above, actual diversification is a secondary benefit, not the guiding motive.

#### Questions prior to diversification

How does a company decide which product lines to add for best results? There is no single answer. Rather, it depends on the economic position, production facilities and managerial skills of the company concerned. Some questions management should ask itself when planning diversification are:

- 1. Can we make the new product with our present equipment or with only moderate additions; will we need a new plant?
- 2. Can we produce them with the managerial and supervisory talent and labor force now at our disposal? 3. Will we be making a genuine contribution in an industry with good potential or will we merely pick up "fringe" business?
- 4. Can we distribute the contem-

plated lines through existing channels?

5. Will the new products compete with those of our present customers?
6. Can we test the new products adequately? Or will tests for dealer acceptance, price range, buyers acceptance, etc., become burdensome if the products do not survive the tests?
7. Have we accurately calculated selling price and probable cost and is the margin attractive?

**8.** Will new funding be necessary? If so, can we reasonably expect to attract new investors?

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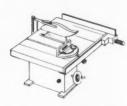
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\* Worthington has broad experience in conditioning industrial plants and large buildings. They are one of the country's three largest producers of this type of

\* More than 300 distributors are available who can be put to work

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ever possible. A plant site was available in the Southeast, in the heart of the future air condition-

As a result of these considerations,

the company is completing a plant in

Decatur, Alabama, to produce packaged air conditioning units exclusively.

The President of the company, Mr. Hobart Ramsey, feels the new division

may produce more sales in the next

decade than any other division of

Although diversification can help

many companies, it is not a sure-cure

for economic ills. Perhaps, for some

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and production and sales efforts should

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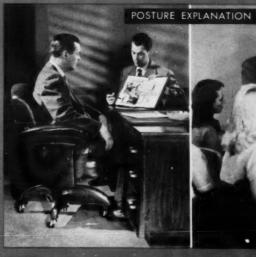
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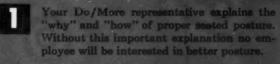


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	YES	NO	YES	YES
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# King-size conference room without the faults of "bigness"

The National Association of Manufacturers faced a unique problem in designing the conference room in their new offices. NAM has 170 member-directors, most of whom meet regularly with the NAM operating staff. A conference room had to be devised that would provide adequate facilities for these large board meetings and still provide adequate control so that meetings would not become unwieldy.

In order to give an unobstructed view to any part of the room, Michael Saphier Associates designed a special steel brace that eliminated all but one side column in the 42' x 44' expanse. This was planned before the completion of the building and it was possible to re-design part of the structure to house the necessary steel girders.

The primary function of the room involves sound, so the treatment of acoustical elements is extensive. There is an acoustical tile ceiling. The walls are slightly curved to act as sound deflectors since parallel walls allow sound to bounce back and forth. Floors are heavily carpeted over a foam rubber cushion and a folding room divider has a lining of acoustical material that provides sound absorption even when not in use as a divider.

A system of 21 microphones and 28 loudspeakers is set into the ceiling: anyone speaking from the floor must first be recognized by the chairman, who then activates the microphone nearest the speaker. The speaker remains seated and need not touch any microphone.

The lighting fixtures are recessed and covered with large (16 sq. ft.) plastic diffusers which add to the acoustical treatment. While all the acoustical materials and designs might



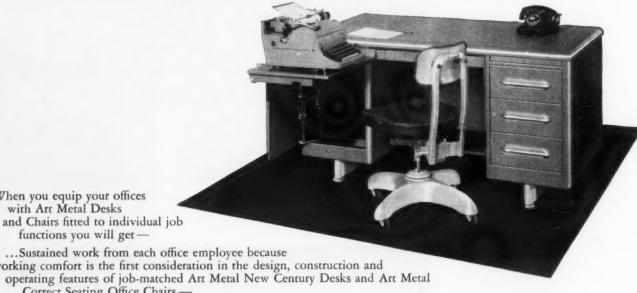
Conference room seats 154 people for large meetings without obstruction by structural columns. Microphones and loudspeakers are mounted in the ceiling and controlled from the speaker's platform.



By the use of acoustical folding partitions, the room is divided in half and can be used simultaneously for two smaller meetings. There are individual sound controls for each half of the conference room.



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tend to muffle sounds, the plastic surfaces have just enough reflectivity to keep the sound alive.

In order to make the ceiling as high as possible, the air conditioning ducts were placed at the top of the walls rather than in the ceiling, resulting in a 9'3" ceiling instead of the standard 8' height. This location of the air conditioning ducts and vents also prevented interference with the electrical and sound wiring above the ceiling.

When used as an auditorium, all tables can be folded and stored in adjacent space provided for this purpose. For use as smaller meeting rooms, a folding partition (hung from a ceiling track) divides the room in half. Each room has its own microphone controls for the sound equipment it contains.

Many NAM committees, each with over 100 people, meet here regularly; whereas, formerly, hotel space had to be rented almost daily. It is estimated that the conference room will be in daily use. Adjoining kitchen facilities provide adequate equipment for serving meals. m/m

## Ceiling helps reduce air conditioning load

Naturally, large windows are always desirable in office space, because of the daylight which is admitted through them. Large window areas, however, will admit heat from the sun as well as daylight, thus causing a special problem when the building is air conditioned. It's not just a case of increasing the power of the air conditioning system to offset the heat of the sunlight. If that were done the air

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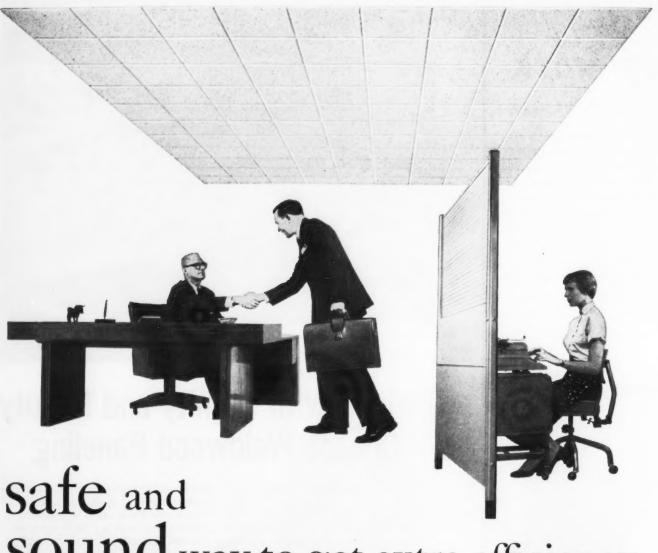
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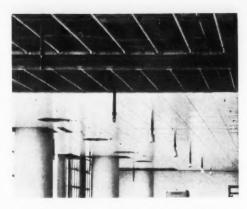
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would have to circulate so rapidly as to cause drafts.

A solution to this problem was designed for New York's Port Authority Building. They installed a ceiling network of water cooled pipes extending as much as 20 feet in from the windows on the southern and eastern sides of the building. An aluminum acoustical ceiling is clipped directly to the pipes. Cold water from the air conditioning system circulates through the network and the pipes, in turn, cool the ceiling. The cooling effect is enough to compensate for the heat of the sunlight and the air conditioning system can now operate at maximum efficiency.

Acoustical benefits are derived from a blanket of glass fiber that covers the pipes and acts as both thermal and sound insulation.

Although the radiant ceiling is used in this case solely to reduce the burden on the air conditioning system, it can tunction similarly for the heating system. Large windows cause a down draft of cold air in the winter. This would be unimportant in factory space, but it can cause a serious heating problem in office space. By sending hot water through the same network of pipes, the ceiling can be made to radiate warmth at the window area and thus help to maintain even heating in the space.

## Prism-lens fixtures provide glareless light

A special lighting problem was solved at the Girard Trust Corn Exchange Bank in Philadelphia by installing an acoustical ceiling in a series of "dog-tooth" breaks. The bank has a mezzanine floor (containing the cleri-



ABOVE: Type of lighting equipment before renovation. BELOW: New lights provide glareless intensity of 35 footcandles.



cal and administrative office) which completely encircles the main floor. The problem was to provide adequate light intensity on the mezzanine, without creating glare or light spill for the bank's customers on the main floor. The scries of "jogs" hide the continuous fluorescent strip lights from view of the lower floor. Because of the angle, open or louvered troffers would throw the light directly into employees' eyes. Therefore, a special prismatic control lens was utilized to direct more light downward, providing 35 footcandles.

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## planning idea

## Wasted corridor space becomes private offices

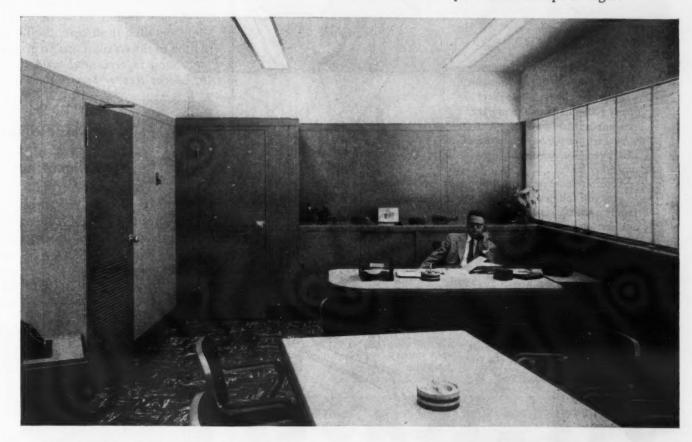
If you're really cramped for office space, wasted corridor space might afford some relief. Although it is definitely *not* good office space planning, a New York publishing firm recently transformed a corridor 62 feet long and 13 feet wide into semi-private offices.

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were installed throughout the entire length of the hallway. The units are set in place without attachments of any kind to the floors or walls.

No structural, floor covering or lighting changes were necessary. Because the entire building is air conditioned, ventilation of the corridor was no problem.

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planning idea

## Custom-designed desk combines three functions

The desk of the Art Director at Cunningham & Walsh Advertising Agency had to serve the combined functions of an executive desk, conference table and drafting table.

In order to serve the first two purposes, architects Carson and Lundin



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## planning idea

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## New products for work center application

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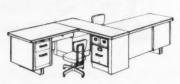
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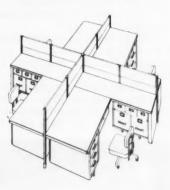
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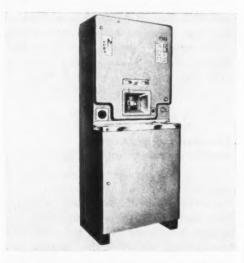
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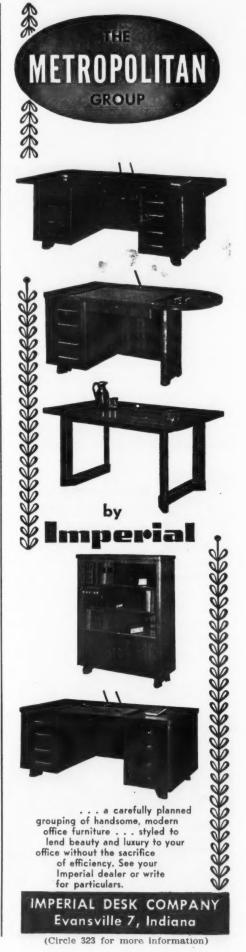
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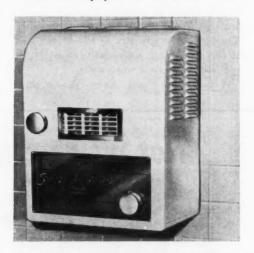
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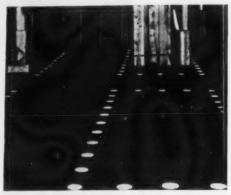
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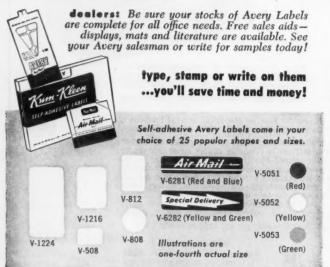
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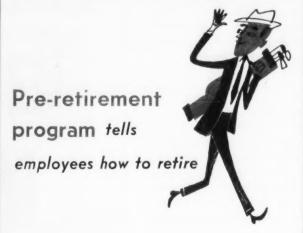
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The mental and psychological aspects of health and the prime importance of having definite goals for the years ahead are discussed by company doctors. The importance of a small, convenient residence is emphasized, as well as factors such as climate, cost of living, available employment and interests, nearness of friends and family are also stressed. Careful consideration is urged before the retiring employee plunges into that "little place in the country" he's always wanted. The meaning of these various elements of environment is important to each individual on the brink of retirement. The total effect of the program is to show retired workers how to balance independence with security. m/m



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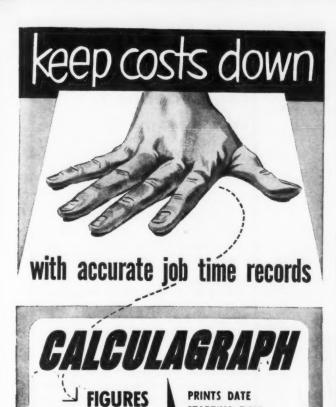
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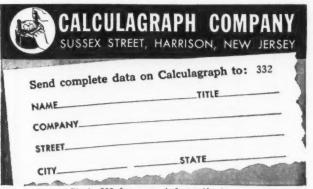
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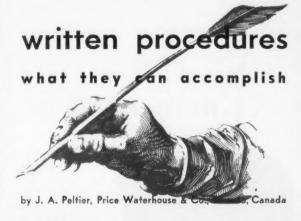
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No one in a factory would start to manufacture a machine without first having complete blueprints of the specifications to guide him. Similarly, procedure manuals are invaluable tools in the administration of any organization. It serves many purposes, one of the most important being the means of verifying the correct procedures to be followed. It becomes a training manual for new employees and guarantees that, even with changes of personnel within a department or a section for whatever cause, the procedures will not flounder because the individual who has left has taken the knowledge of the job with him.

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Truckleasing - A non-carrier substitute for truck ownership. The user, or lessee, leases trucks under a long-term agreement from the owners, or lessor, who is engaged primarily in the business of leasing truck equipment. The lessor supplies full service for the maintenance of the truck-fuel, repairs, tires, lubrication, garaging, insurance-everything except the driver, who is furnished by the lessee, leaving the control of the vehicle wholly with the customer. The vehicle is then operated in whatever capacity the lessee is classified-either private or for-hire. This is often referred to as a "drive-yourself" service.

**Truck Rental** — Identical to truck-leasing except that the vehicle is contracted for a short term of an hour, a day, a week, or month. It is a simple term of convenience to differentiate from long-term leasing. (Referred to variously as daily truck rental, transient truck rental, rental fleet.

**Finance-Leasing** — A long-term contract under which the lessor covers only the ownership and capital investment in the vehicle. The lessee supplies, in addition to the driver, all repairs, lubrication, fuel, tires, garaging and insurance.

**Trip-Leasing** — Both driver and vehicle are covered by a single contractual arrangement, frequently on a one-way trip basis with compensation usually based on the load carried. Lessor may be either a private or for-hire carrier, providing service to a lessee who holds necessary permits or certificates.

**Gypsy-Leasing** — A term often used to describe illegitimate variations of trip-leasing, carried on as a subterfuge to avoid the necessary operating authority and collection of tariff rates.

**Driver-Owner** — A long or short-term contractual arrangement covering the combined services of truck and driver, the latter being also the owner and operator of the equipment. m/m

## Gifts to education prove good business

There is growing recognition among businessmen that supporting our colleges is self-interest—not charity

When the Board of Directors of a New Jersey corporation voted a modest corporate contribution to Princeton University, the Board met unexpected stockholder resistance. Certain stockholders contended, among other objections, that their officers should use corporate funds only for business needs and for earning stockholder profit.

The issue went to court. The ruling, in favor of the company officers, stated in part: "Corporate contributions (to educational institutions) are, if held within reasonable limitations, a matter of direct benefit to the giving corporations. This, without regard to the extent of the donors' business."

This ruling was made in New Jersey's Supreme Court and the Federal Supreme court later refused to review it, holding that it was the right of each state to judge its own corporations. It is generally believed that this N. J. decision is the first—and last—concerning such a case.

The clarity of this decision served to focus the attention of businessmen throughout America on the benefits, both to themselves and to the nation, of corporate donations to recognized educational institutions. But they still needed to know *how* to give effectively.

#### New advisory information bureau

Some months ago, a source of comprehensive information on the "hows and whys" of corporate giving sprang into existence, when the formation of a "Council for Financial Aid to Education," with headquarters in New York, was announced.

Its President is Dr. Wilson Compton, former President of the State College of Washington. The Council's Board of Directors includes such distinguished businessmen as Irving S. Olds (Chairman), G. Keith Funston and Alfred P. Sloan, Jr.; among noted educators on the board are Colgate

Questions most often asked These are among the most frequent questions put to the new Council for Financial Aid to Education by potential donors: How can we make corporate gifts and what form should they take? What are some general and specific advantages of this giving? What does an institutional gift mean in our tax picture? How effective are contributions made by relatively small corporations? With whom do we deal on the receiving end?

University's Everett Case, Wellesley College president Margaret Clapp and Henry M. Wriston, president of Brown University.

After announcement of the Council's formation, President Eisenhower (himself a former college president) sent his congratulations to Dr. Compton, saying, in part:

"There has long been the need for guidance to educational institutions seeking the most effective means of gaining grants, and counsel to donors unfamiliar with the most appropriate ways of making such grants. There has been need, also, of impressing upon every potential donor, the benefits he will person-

ally derive from helping this Nation maintain its system of higher education. I am delighted that the Council's proposed objectives include fulfillment of these needs."

### How to make corporate gifts

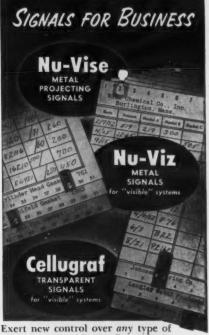
The Council strongly recommends establishment of a corporate foundation within a donating company as the medium for its giving (see MANAGE-MENT METHODS, August, '52: "Company giving through foundations"). Two aspects favoring the corporate foundation are its high degree of flexibility in administering gifts and the leveling out of fluctuations in giving. The law permits reasonable accumulation of funds in high-profit years. These may be drawn on in years of low profit, which allows the recipient to count on a fairly even flow of gifts. This even flow, in turn, greatly aids college and university administrators in their

There are six major types of corporate giving: the unrestricted gift, the restricted gift, scholarships, scholarships plus supplements, fellowships and support of research.

The unrestricted gift is an outright contribution to an educational institution for the recipient to apply as it sees fit. The restricted gift is earmarked by the donor to be applied by the university to a designated field of the donor's choice. For example, a fertilizer corporation might wish to allocate funds, stipulating they be used solely within the chemistry department of an institution.

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Fellowship gifts recognize the need to encourage the pursuit of specialized study and research by qualified students, usually postgraduates. These may be generalized gifts, assigned to individuals by the recipient institution to a candidate of the donor's choice.

Financial support of basic research is on the increase. Donating corporations have become keenly aware of the need for uncommitted funds to finance exploration of the new frontiers of science unfolding as the researcher probes constantly forward. These usually produce long-term gains on an industry-wide scale, rather than immediate benefits to a corporate donor.

Concerning general and specific advantages of corporate giving, the Council makes these points: perhaps the most important raw material required by business today is the trained college graduate, capable of running the business of tomorrow. In the general sense, business has a tremendous stake in securing this "raw material." Any investment in education tends to insure the supply of this "commodity."

Specifically, the Council notes, there are many areas that are touched advantageously by corporate giving—among them, in dollars-and-cents, the "recruitment" value of financing a potential employee's college training. While such an individual is not—and cannot be, under tax laws—"indentured" to

his benefactors, it is very likely he will become an eager, interested and welltrained employee of the donor corporation after graduating. And the value to a company of an interested and loyal employee can hardly be overestimated.

The potential public relations value of corporate giving is very great when we define public relations as the "fact of doing good—and talking about it." For example, if a company established a foundation to send one local boy each year through college, this is community news. Local publications will play up the fact and word of mouth will spread the story favorably. Employees will begin to consider management as individuals directly interested in their welfare, rather than remote "top brass" whose sole responsibility is profit.

Tax-wise, a corporation is permitted to deduct educational contributions to an amount of five percent of its net income before taxes. The Council's statistics, based on latest available figures, show that corporate giving to all causes represented only six-tenths of one percent of net corporate profits. And of this small percentage, only about one-fifth went to educational institutions. The Council noted that corporate donations averaged a higher percent rate (1.13%) among smaller corporations (those with assets under \$1 million).

Small corporations are apparently supplying a larger share, though not a larger amount, than their bigger brothers. One answer to a question about the effectiveness of giving by relatively

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small companies is this: since they far outnumber the giants, one scholarship apiece, for example, donated by 50 small concerns would equal or exceed the single effort of one major industry. The Council is accordingly most eager to stimulate gifts from all of industry and especially smaller manufacturers who may have felt that their relatively light contribution did not count.

#### Who to give to

With whom can a donor corporation arrange contributions? The Council on Financial Aid for Education describes itself as an organization to encourage "more general private support of higher education." And it leans over backward to emphasize that it does solicit or distribute funds.

If a would-be donor, rather than allocate his own contributions, seeks advice on how best to apportion his gifts, the Council will make available its list of some 30 state and regional associations of institutions of higher education. These associations have been specifically organized to facilitate joint fund raising. For the most part, these are groups of smaller colleges and universities, since their larger colleagues have well-developed fund raising operations. Today, the members of such associations number more than 370.

Beyond informing would-be contributors of the existence of these associations and supplying further sources of educational contribution information, the Council specifically does not recommend channels into which aid might flow.

The table opposite is designed to give an indication of the types and approximate cost of corporate gifts that are adaptable to a varied group of business enterprises.

Since every executive is in business to make money for his company, he naturally asks: "Why can't a private college or university get 'in the black?' Money changes hands. In effect, education is bought and sold!"

The Council is keenly aware of this attitude. They point out that, to operate "in the black," private institutions would need to double their tuition at present enrollment levels. This would have at least two bad effects: economically speaking, "demand" for educa-

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Perhaps a case history will best illustrate the general and specific benefits accruing to a medium-sized corporation which has carefully invested time and money in corporate giving.

This is an experience of the Norwich Pharmacal Company of Norwich, New York, about 30 miles from Hamilton, where Colgate University is located. Over the years, Norwich has given to two organizations: directly to Colgate and also to the "Empire State Foundation," an association of 22 New York State colleges and universities.

The Norwich donation is unrestricted. The company's objective in giving is to provide opportunity for deserving young men from the Norwich-Hamilton-Syracuse area to get a college education. The amount of this unrestricted grant is undisclosed, but is estimated at about \$1,000 per year.

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Dr. Compton said it most aptly: "The Council is a 'catalyst' seeking to promote mutual understanding between American business corporations and the nation's colleges and universities. Many of these institutions of higher education are in danger, not of dying, but of withering. Here is an opportunity for business corporations and their stockholders—as for civicminded men and women generallyfor public service. This service, in the words of the President of the United States, 'will rebound to the benefit of all America." m/m

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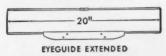
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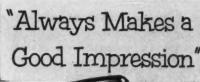


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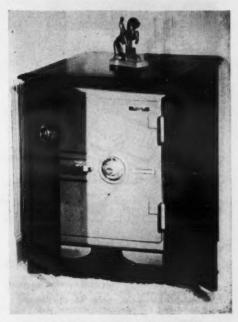
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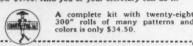
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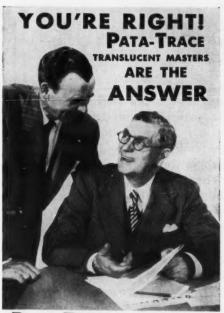
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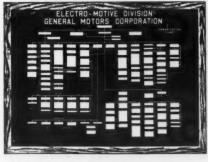


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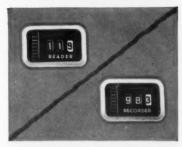
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